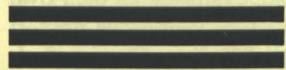
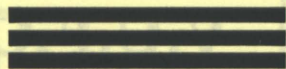


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Hello! It's that time again! Once again the Grampians have been the busy area for UFO study and it has drawn numerous people from many areas to have a look at the objects we find so interesting. The subject is not new to the people in the area - apparently the objects have been around there for some considerable time, and it is no wonder that shop attendants and others living in the area treat them with ignore - nor is it much use asking the people in the area where the UFOs might be, because they'll tell you they have been around for such a long time, so long that they are quite blasé about the subject, and take very little interest in their presence. Although I must add that I am certainly interested and wish they were much closer. If so, I'd be there almost every night watching their antics - most intriguing!

Paul Norman recently had some relatives out from the USA and took them to the area, hoping to see some UFO activity - which they did! One of our members who has a telescope was also there and this was an added interest. Our visitors were quite excited at seeing a number of the objects through the powerful telescope. There seems to be no other area close to the City of Melbourne that has so much UFO activity. I have often wondered what is under the soil in that area, which may be attracting the objects. Perhaps one of our readers might be able to enlighten us?

My thanks and congratulations to Tony Cook for his wonderful work at the last meeting, it was a great effort and I'm sure everyone appreciated it. The digital projector he very kindly brings and efficiently operates, does a most effective job - of course, we can "blame" the operator for that! Tony's display boards of the Whittlesea-Beveridge UFO (Victoria) images created much interest later in the supper room, where further discussion on numerous aspects of Ufology invariably takes place.

We know wintertime is not the best time to be out in the cold, but it is warm in both our meeting rooms, and nobody has suffered from frostbite yet! We appreciate your attendance.

Election Notice - 2004

At our General Meeting to be held on the 6th September 2004, a new Committee will either be declared or elected.

Nominations must be submitted on a clean sheet of paper containing the signatures of a nominator and seconder, who both must be financial members of this Society. All nominations are required to be in the hands of the Secretary, **No Later** than the **15th July, 2004**.



ON THE UFO TRAIL

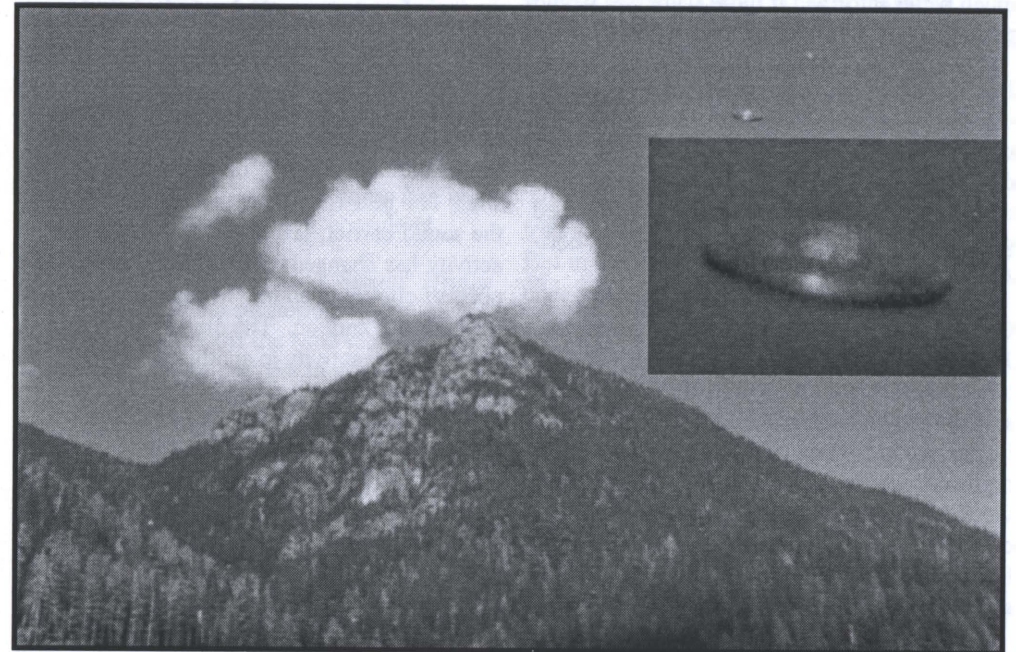
Paul Norman © 2004

On October 8th 1981, a photograph similar to the Whittlesea/Beverage one was taken by a photographer who did not see the object until after the film was developed. I was given a copy of this photograph when attending a MUFON conference in Toronto, Canada.

The photographer was taking a photo of a mountain top at 11:30 a.m., from a rest stop area about 30 miles north of Kelsey Bay on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada. The object was circular in shape with a dome on top. The photo was analysed by Dr. Richard F. Haines.

The camera used to take the photo was a Mamiya, model 528AL, SLR type. The film used was 35 mm, Kodak Safety Film 5035, commonly known as Kodacolor II, with an ASA rating of 100. Dr. Haines used a microdensitometer and computer enhancement to analyse the negative.

The 35 mm colour negative showed a well-focused daytime view of the mountain. The object, also well-focused, appeared to be a silver oval shape with a dome on top. The film was checked for double exposure or an indication of the object being suspended by a thread from a balloon - none was found.



UFO with enlargement - near Canada's North Kelsey Bay - October 8th, 1981

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Dr. Haines considered the possibility of the object being a modified Frisbee. He attached a dome to the top of a Frisbee and confirmed that the dome adversely affected the flight characteristics of the Frisbee; it only flew a few feet.

With regards to the Whittlesea/Beverage photo, I received a telephone call from a man who described a similarly shaped object, which was speeding very fast over New South Wales at about the same time. He said that he was coming to our office at Moorabbin Airport for an interview and to view our public display in the office.

Unfortunately, he failed to show up. Due to fear of ridicule, a large percentage of witnesses fail to make reports. We would be much better informed if more witnesses would participate by contributing their reports.

I do not agree with comments made, concerning the Whittlesea/Beverage photo, that the unknown object could be a nearby bird. The digital image exhibits a level of speed blur indicating that the object was flying at a speed greater than that a bird could achieve in horizontal flight.

On 16th March 2004, VUFORS Investigator Jacqui Purtell visited Reids Lookout with her telescope to view and record the activities of strange anomalous aerial lights. On this particular night, while viewing approximately northeast across the valley, five objects were viewed. Especially noted were the activities of one large light and one smaller light. Unfortunately, only the one light that was stationary was recorded on video.

The large light blinked out before recording commenced. This type of behaviour has been

seen before and Jacqui suspects that this is not just a light moving behind some obstruction during the viewing and recording session. These two luminous objects stealthily took up a position behind Jacqui and one emitted a high intensity pulsating or flashing beam of light, which attracted her attention.

Prior to this, the objects were seen slightly above the crests and peaks of the Victoria Range. Also observed on other occasions were the activities of a slow moving light which would take up a position, partially obscured by a tree until the camera was retired, at which point, the light would then blink out. The lights also managed to use a cyclone wire fence to interfere with the viewing of their activities through her telescope.

Jacqui's description above reminds me of the statement that Frederick Valentich made during his encounter with a UFO. "It seems to me that it is playing some sort of game with me."

Since the interruption of the UFO activity when two jets flew over the valley, breaking the sound barrier, last June 16th, the pattern of activity has changed. There have been no reports of objects operating in concert. I suspect the reason is caution. The objects have shifted some of their activity to another valley.

A few days ago two witnesses came forward to report that an object had hovered directly overhead one night last June. It was making a low humming sound like a transformer. Two smaller objects flew from it, one flying to the north and the other flying strait up until out of sight.

Forty years ago, the Brookings report warned about a major concern being the possible con-

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tamination from visiting entities carrying diseases to which humans are not immune, as well as other evils. The space agency ignored this warning and sent Pioneer 10, with an engraved welcome to earth, showing the location of earth on the celestial map.

Should ET appear, it might be in for a rude surprise, instead of receiving a warm welcoming handshake from NASA; it might be "handcuffed" by officials in biosafety suits and taken away to the Department of Agriculture's Animal Disease Centre, to be checked by doctors from the National Insti-

tute of Health, for unwelcome pathogens.

Now, with UFO activity increasing, more scientists are considering that contact is not a case of "if" but "when"? For the reasons raised by the Brookings report and others, some scientists objected to the engraved welcome message having been sent.

This consideration has been brought to light in the February edition of the Popular Mechanics magazine, which is not a fiction publication. My research continues to try to determine if we are dealing with friend or foe.

I Saw UFO Too, Says Andrew

Rochdale Observer, Lincs., England - March 13, 2004

UFO Newsclipping Service, May 2004, Number 418
#2 Caney Valley Drive, Plumerville, Arkansas 72127-8725 USA
Editor and Publisher: Lucius Farish

The 'sighting' of a UFO by children has been supported by a 34-year-old IT consultant.

Andrew Smith, who lives in Smithy Bridge Road, says he saw a mysterious flying object, forcing him to pull off the M62 motorway and on to the hard shoulder near to junction 21.

The children playing near their home in Summit, Littleborough said the 'spacecraft' hovered slowly above the rooftops about 07:00 p.m. last Thursday and then shot off at hyperspeed.

Andrew said: "There was a similar sighting in Wakefield about three or four weeks ago. It was hovering over houses in the early hours of the morning.

"One theory suggested was that it was a terrestrial TV satellite, which tend to hover slowly. But in the case of the children and my experience, the object shot off at hyperspeed, which would seem to rule out a satellite.

"It really freaked me out. It was either diamond or square in shape, it was bright and was below the cloud level.

A couple of days ago a friend of mine saw a similar object in the sky at Stalybridge.

"I am interested in UFOs, but I think the vast majority of sightings can be explained away. I was wondering if any other readers had seen it last Thursday night."

Cosmic Magnifying Glass Finds Distant Planet

By Deborah Zabarenko
National Post, Friday, April 16, 2004

Delve Report, April 2004
Gene Duplantier, 17 Shetland St., Toronto, Ontario Canada

Washington - Astronomers used a sort of cosmic magnifying glass to find a hidden planet in the heart of the Milky Way, the first time this method has been used to detect a planetary system.

The technique - known as gravitational microlensing - holds the promise of turning up more planets that are orbiting stars besides our sun, and could be used by amateur astronomers to help confirm future discoveries, scientists said.

In this case, researchers found a planet more massive than Jupiter orbiting a star about 17,000 light-years away in the constellation Sagittarius. A light-year is about six trillion miles (10 trillion km); the distance light travels in a year.

The planet's gravity, coupled with the gravity of the star it orbits, acted as a giant magnifying glass in space, bending the light from an even more distant star some 24,000 light-years away and making it shine brighter for a few days.

Astronomers have previously used this method to detect unseen cosmic phenomena they cannot directly observe, but this latest discovery could open a new way to identify distant planets - even relatively small planets like Earth.

So far, more than 100 extra-solar planets have been identified but most of these are large, Jupiter-sized planets whose presence is inferred by the way their considerable gravity makes their parent stars wobble in space.

"The discovery of a Jupiter-mass planet in orbit around a star which is not all that different from the sun ... is really an important step for us in the search for extra-solar planets," said Philippe Crane, a NASA scientist.

The problem is that the stars and planets have to line up exactly for the gravitational lens effect to work, according to Bohdan Paczynski of Princeton University, who first proposed using microlensing in the search for extra-solar planets in 1991.

"One star in 100 million is subject to such a phenomenon," Mr. Paczynski said. "The main difficulty is to identify the right star at the right time, because it doesn't last very long - in this case a few days."

The advantage of the microlensing technique is that the reaction is easy to spot and does not require very sensitive equipment, he said. Once scientists identify a possible extra-solar planet, amateurs can add their own observations to help confirm the find. Reuters

"FIRESTORM"

By Ann Druffel

A book review of an incredible man, and his beliefs; that inevitably ended in tragedy.

By James Owen

Ann starts her accounts of each chapter with Irish Folk song lyrics, followed by verses from Dr James (Jim) McDonald's collective of favourite passages. Ann portrays this to show that McDonald was deprived of his Irish heritage due to circumstances beyond his control, but showing in retrospect that he (McDonald) kept his Irish temperament, humour and his concern for his fellow being. McDonald's fearlessness against odds caused him grief, along with personal gratification in what he did and believed in.

I started this book with anticipation, believing that Ann would excel her other publications that I have read and enjoyed. I was not to be disappointed; Ann was destined to document the life of Dr James McDonald, a person whose character was pivotal in the world of Ufology.

Ann delved into the life of Dr James McDonald with zeal that most readers would find enthralling. Not only did Ann look at McDonald's professional side but entered the realm of his personal life, depicting his love, happiness and humour with his family, along with others that he met through his work both professional, as friends, and in the UFO field.

I had one regret, I never knew this man, but reading this account of his life, his works and

his independent struggle to obtain the truth, I began to know and relate with his ideas and his wish to reveal the truth, no matter how many toes, to say the least, he had to stand on. I found that I understood his motivation, his beliefs to continue the fight to reveal the truth behind the UFO phenomena.

Ann was able to access many of McDonald's files, showing his determination to investigate many UFO reports that had been investigated by others, with outcomes that seemed to him to be lacking a credible explanation. Cover-ups, false information to the public and the scientific community, was something that McDonald could not tolerate. McDonald had the courtesy to contact fellow scientists, sceptics and laymen alike and was one, not to back down on a face to face interview.

He thrived on debating the UFO phenomena, and being able to answer the disclaimers - sceptics who in themselves were unable to rebuke or refute McDonald's claims and scientific assessments. His thorough memory recall, and his ability to investigate to a point beyond most, enabled him to obtain information beyond the reach of most researchers in Ufology.

It was noted that sceptics intentionally and falsely reported McDonald for obtaining fi-

Book Review of Ann Druffel's "FIRESTORM"

financial advantage, by travelling and working on Government projects (USN) whilst investigating UFOs. Investigations cleared McDonald of any wrong doing, but affected his future in a way that he at this point could not comprehend.

McDonald pushed for a congressional hearing on the subject of UFOs and was able to obtain this hearing. This was a highlight for McDonald.

The book continues with many twists and turns and you can only feel throughout, that McDonald battled ever increasing resistance to his scientific study on the subject of UFOs. His fight continued and involved Government departments. In the end, did Dr James McDonald discover a serious cover-up that explains the UFO phenomena? Did he go into the desert with the information that may have

explained questions that are on our lips? What caused his demise? These are only a few questions of many that this excellent book leaves you contemplating.

"FIRESTORM, Dr James McDonald's fight for UFO Science," written by Ann Druffel. What can you say, excellent, enthralling, captivating. The truth that many would find disturbing. An investigation by an author who has shown no quarter to obtain the truth and depict a man of courage, integrity and the pursuit of the truth. A book that requires serious reading, a must for all that are interested in the subject, be you sceptics, UFO believers, or just someone looking for an answer to a very important question that I need not answer. An exceptional read.

Do not miss FIRESTORM, published by Wild Flower Press.

Fatal Plane Crash Mystery

By Joe Danborn

Mobile-Tensaw Delta - October 23, 2002

The UFO Enigma - Volume 24 - Number 10 - June 2004

UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, Inc., P.O. Box 31544, St. Louis, MO 63131

Feds: Cessna hit something in the sky, but they don't know what.

Federal investigators have determined that a single-engined delivery plane that crashed into Big Bateau Bay on October 23, 2002, slammed into something 3,000 feet above the Mobile-Tensaw Delta moments earlier - they're just not sure what it was.

The highly unusual National Transport Safety Board account points to unidentified red marks on the severely damaged nose and front belly of the plane as evidence that it hit another object in the air. The crash killed 54-year-old pilot Thomas J. Preziose of Mobile minutes after he took off from Downtown Airport.

The Early Years

Compiled by Clive Yates

Selected reports from magazines published in the 1950s and 1960s

Tyndall Air Force Base, U.S.A. - May 20, 1961 *The U.F.O. Investigator* (National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena). For 90 minutes, in the early hours of May 20, Tyndall Air Force Base was under observation by a strange round object, glowing orange-white, which manoeuvred over the Drone (pilotless aircraft) Launching Site. During this time the UFO was tracked by two Air Force radar stations. Its prolonged manoeuvres were observed by members of the 4756th Air Police Squadron and the assistant to the base UFO officer. After attempted interceptions by a jet and a helicopter, the UFO climbed away from the base and disappeared.

To date the Air Force has kept this UFO surveillance from the public, but NICAP now has in its possession a five page Air Force report, complete with names, details and action taken, including a mission report by Capt. Paul F. Vandergriff, the helicopter pilot.

Valensole, France - July 1, 1965 *Orbit* (Tyneside U.F.O. Society). Gendarmes in the mountain village of Valensole are investigating a report of a farmer who said he saw a mysterious aircraft take off from a field. Dozens of people travelled miles to see the tracks left behind by the "flying saucer". The farmer, Maurice Masse, told the gendarmes he saw the craft at dawn. It looked like a big rugby ball and had four metal legs. With the craft was a small human form about the size of an eight year old child.

"Suddenly the craft took off and disappeared in the sky. I could not believe my eyes", said the farmer. He went to the spot and found tracks left by the legs and the ground was packed hard like concrete. Mr. Masse is now worried about the lavender plants in his field being trampled by crowds of eager sightseers.

Punta Arenas, Chile - June 4, 1968 *Flying Saucer Review* (Edited by Charles Bowen). At 09:17 p.m. two veteran pilots of Argentine Air Lines and many of their 18 passengers saw a shining reddish cylinder flying at an estimated height of from 1,800 to 2,000 metres - roughly twice the height of their own aircraft. The UFO was in sight for five minutes and, on landing at the Chilean airport of Chavunco a little later, they learnt that it had been seen from there and had also been photographed. In a press interview with La Razon, Buenos Aires on June 8 the senior pilot, Commandant Humberto Raul Guardabassi, refused, as did his co-pilot, to budge from the view that they had seen a UFO.

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Selected extracts from Filer's Files #20 - 2004 MUFON Skywatch Investigations
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Sightings Increase Worldwide

New York - Flying Triangle; Pennsylvania - Two Discs; Delaware - Flying Wing; Washington - "Orb" Above Aircraft; North Carolina - Fireball Fort Bragg; Florida - Disk Lands In Ocean; Ohio - Ball Against Heavy Winds; Indiana - Lights In Formation; Illinois - Bright Glaring Objects; Kentucky - Shape With Much Colour; Mississippi - Disk On TV; Louisiana - Clear Sphere Seen; Arkansas - Over Nuclear Reactor; Missouri - Flying Triangle; Colorado - Silver UFO Hovers; Arizona - Several UFOs Seen; California - Flying Triangle Object; Washington - Diamond UFOs; Canada - Black Flying Triangle; Mexico - Flying Triangle Over Ocean; UK/Scotland - Two Spaceships; UK/Wales - Three Spherical Objects; Macedonia - UFO Video; Iran - Flying Saucer Fever; South Africa - Flying Triangle; Afghanistan - Dot-Sized UFO; New Zealand - Stick like Object.

New York - Flying Triangle

Bethpage - The witness decided to take a look at the sky when he spotted a big airplane in the distance flying west towards J. F. K. in New York City on April 20, 2004, at 08:30 p.m. He then looked south and noticed three triangular white lights flying north not far from a large airplane. It did not make any sound and the lights were steady. I ran inside to get my camera but by then it disappeared.

Thanks to Peter Davenport.

Pennsylvania - Two Discs

Ford City - On Friday, April 9, 2004, at about 09:15 p.m., a married couple was sitting in their hot tub, relaxing and looking at the stars, and the husband said, "look at this coming." They observed two disc shaped objects that looked like two plates or saucers standing on end. They were travelling at a very high rate of speed from east to west as if racing each other.

One was a small distance behind the other, but they crossed directly over us, and the gap between them closed and they were side by side. The witness states, "Never have I witnessed anything travel at such a high rate of speed and about the same height as commercial jets. The sky was very clear and full of stars. The objects were an orange colour, with no flashing lights, but were illuminated, not real bright, but like a glow."

Thanks to Peter Davenport.

Delaware - Flying Wing

Elsmere - The witness was walking to his car at midnight when he turned to his left and over the trees from Vilone Park flew a wing shaped flying object on April 21, 2004. It looked like it had the wingspan of a B-52H and it had a solid non-blinking red light underneath. The witness states, "I turned on the FAA band on my scanner in my car and no

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such major cargo aircraft with that span were over Delaware airspace at that time."

I grew up in a military family, but since I lived in MD and had been a witness to the Waldorf UFO in 2002, I am quite aware of what a UFO is and what it isn't.

Thanks to Peter Davenport.

Washington - "Orb" Above Aircraft

The witness was travelling back home from a trip to Washington D.C., and was observing air traffic out his aircraft window on April 15, 2004, at 04:44 p.m., when he noticed suddenly elevated contrail activity. So he started searching the sky for unknowns. He spotted what he thought was Venus, except that it was brighter. Our Captain reported our altitude was 35,000 feet and so this object was about 50 to 60,000 feet.

It was either at a standstill or was moving very slowly, because we passed it within a couple of minutes. Our flight was steady, and we did not bank and the distant cloud cover provided a horizon-line for comparison. This seemed important because the object moved from the front left of my view, slightly rising then lowering, then moving to the right, and then out of my view.

The witness states, "It was a bright, bluish-tinted orb and seemed reflective and was much brighter than the surrounding sky and I was able to get off one shot with my camera, before my camera's battery died." Upon reviewing the shot, when I returned home, one can see that it appears more like a cigar than an orb.

During the flight all the other aircraft left a contrail behind them, but this craft left nothing that I could see, nor in the photo. It was flying much higher than we were but moving much slower and barely moving.

Thanks to Peter Davenport.

North Carolina - Fireball Fort Bragg

Fayetteville - The 37 year old witness was in his front yard looking at stars in a clear sky when he saw a small blinking light almost directly overhead that looked like a plane. About one minute behind was a second plane flying north on April 9, 2004, at 09:10 p.m. Suddenly, an orange-red fireball that left a trail like a meteor flew under the first plane. It was the size of a dime at arm's length and travelling in the opposite direction of the planes from the direction of Fort Bragg.

The witness states, "The fireball passed the first plane and vanished, and I figured it was a meteor, but then it reappeared and passed under the second plane, and vanished again." I waited and it reappeared again and travelled like a stone skipping on water that would vanish every time it hit the water. It did this a total of five times and was gone almost making the horizon. The object went from directly overhead to the horizon in less than 5 seconds. There was no sound. The planes did not change direction afterward.

Florida - Disk Lands In Ocean

St. Augustine - An hour after the above sighting a golden disk was seen to travel from north to south at a high rate of speed on April 9, 2004, at 10:15 p.m. Then it slowed dra-

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matically and seemed to land in the ocean and slowly sink below the surface.

Orlando - An oval shaped object was seen between two jet aircraft, on April 16, 2004, at 06:00 p.m. A gold looking oval shaped object that made no vapour trail was seen in the southwest evening sky. The sun was shinning off all three craft. The two jet aircraft kept moving to the north. The sky was clear of clouds and the object was visible for about 60 seconds.

(NUFORC Note: We spoke via telephone with this witness, and found him to be exceptionally objective and eloquent in his description of the object. He seemed quite credible to us. He is a federal public employee, and occupies a position in the government requiring considerable technical acumen, and high reliability. PD)

Ohio - Ball Against Heavy Winds

Beaver Creek - The witness was sitting outside when he saw a flying white sphere about the size of a large pea at arm's length on April 18, 2004, at 03:00 p.m. There was a gusting wind from west to east and he saw one of those really big balloons that are used by car lots to hold up long streamers. The object did not look metallic, had no external lights, and was just a white ball shaped object.

It could have been one of those balloons, but it was defying those major gusts of wind by flying from south to north. And as it bobbed up and down along its path, it was generally going down (not up like a loose balloon would). I lost sight of it as it passed over a hill.

Indiana - Lights In Formation

Brookston - A married couple was returning home from dinner when they noticed these lights again on April 16, 2004, at 08:50 p.m. This time they were very close to the ground - probably within a mile from the couple. The husband remarked, "There are those lights again!" The wife says, "I saw three very large yellow/orange orbs with about three smaller lights around the outside of the larger ones in a triangular pattern."

However, my husband was able to see them better and saw four bright lights with the smaller lights on the outside of them. He also saw a much larger light above these lights, which appeared to be closer than the other four. The smaller four lights came on at the same time the larger light came on and then faded.

We drove slowly home and as we pulled into our garage, I looked behind me just in time to see three large yellow/orange lights in a horizontal line about 10-20 degrees above the horizon. They came on from left to right and faded from left to right in a period of a few seconds. This was our third sighting in a year's time in this same area.

Illinois - Bright Glaring Objects

Villa Park - The witness was doing homework and saw a bright flash at 09:10 p.m., while looking out his window from his desk on April 12, 2004. He states, "I saw two bright lights suspended in the air about 100 feet up, that generated a motor sound, and then they suddenly bolted away, but five minutes later I heard a lawnmower like sound for another ten minutes."

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I realised that the sound was generated from the glaring lights in the sky outside my window. At that point I began to think it was some sort of UFO as the bright lights began to shimmer a bit and then all of a sudden bolted away. I felt a sense of presence like I never have before."

Kentucky - Shape With Much Colour

Mt. Washington - On April 18, 2004, at 07:00 p.m., a strange shape with lots of colour was over us for about thirty minutes. We watched and were shocked as it changed shape; it flew near planes but didn't even touch them. We called some friends in another part of town and they saw it, too. It was like watching us, but it was cool and different but we still don't know what it was.

Thanks to Peter Davenport.

Mississippi - Disk On TV

Jackson - Lisa McDaniel writes, "I was checking the WAPT-TV weather-cam and saw this UFO! I had saved the two pictures but unfortunately you can't do that with a web-cam shot without it automatically refreshing itself; at least not this web-cam." I have already contacted the station to see if they have the still shots by any chance. At any rate, at 12:15 p.m. central/standard time, May 3rd 2004, there was a silver disk over Jackson, MS, just to the left of the Standard Life Building (the tallest building in the picture) and about midway up.

I'm just really disappointed about this! In both of the pictures, however, the second one was dated 12:21 p.m., so just minutes later ...

and it was **gone!** It is a gorgeous, sunny, clear day and not a cloud in the sky and no rain whatsoever!

Thanks to Lisa McDaniel.

Louisiana - Clear Sphere Seen

Kenner - The witness was driving home from work and was watching an airliner taking off from the airport while exiting the interstate on April 15, 2004. At 05:15 p.m., the witness noticed something shining well above the jet.

He states, "I saw a small sphere that was almost invisible, but was reflecting sunlight and I could see the outline that was like the camouflage in the 'Predator' movies. I saw it for about ten seconds and looked down to see where the traffic was. When I looked back up, I couldn't find it again."

Thanks to Peter Davenport.

Arkansas - Over Nuclear Reactor

Russellville - On April 15, 2004, at 10:11 p.m., as the witness got his mail he saw two large orange balls of light directly above his house about 30 degrees up and over the Arkansas Nuclear 1 Reactor about two miles from my location. He states, "I watched as the two lights split into three, then four and then disappeared completely." I do not know how long they were there since I only caught the apparent end of the display.

Missouri - Flying Triangle

Ashgrove - About 10:40 p.m., on April 16, 2004, the witness saw a triangle shaped moving object dart up and down and from side to

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side. It had a white light in the centre, with a red light on the front, and two blue lights on the back. At arm's length it was about the size of a half-dime. The light continued to blink or flash throughout the time we watched.

The centre light was about the size of a cigarette and the craft stayed at about the same height, when not "bouncing" until it faded from sight 27 minutes later. It stood on end so we could see all four lights at the same time. We saw two commercial jets fly to the west of it.

Thanks to Peter Davenport.

Colorado - Silver UFO Hovers

Denver - The observer was pumping gas in Aurora when he saw a silver and very bright object in the sky far above Denver, on April 16, 2004, at 05:45 p.m. His girl friend also viewed the object as it remained stationary for twenty minutes and then sped away heading north. It was 80 degrees high from the horizon and seemed very high up.

Thanks to Peter Davenport.

Arizona - Several UFOs Seen

Phoenix - A large white saucer-type aircraft was spotted hovering at 09:30 p.m., for several minutes and then disappeared on April 17, 2004. The witness states, "My grown daughter and I saw one oblong saucer-like aircraft hovering in the sky giving off a very bright white glow that appeared to have smaller white lights around the outer perimeter.

"It was distinctly **not** an airplane or blimp. It appeared to turn sideways after a few mo-

ments, which made the profile a slender oval in the sky, and then it disappeared. We both could not believe our eyes as we watched."

Phoenix - At 10:00 a.m., I heard my neighbour knocking on my window. When I went out side I saw a white cigar like object in the sky it was hard to look at because it was so close to the sun on April 18, 2004.

California - Flying Triangle Object

Merced - The witness was driving north on I-5, with his parents and around 12:30 a.m., on April 14, 2004, they noticed an odd pair of lights. He states, "I first noticed it when the object was vertical with only two corners visible like viewing a triangular block from the side." The small triangular object had round circular and cycled lights on three corners.

To visualise one set of lights, imagine a cross section of a pipe with many lights making the circle. These lights alternated like Christmas lights and looked like the electricity was moving through them. It hovered over the highway for maybe 30 seconds and quickly sped off behind the overpass. As I approached the overpass it flew speeding back over the highway and hovered very low.

It actually passed right in front of my car twice and then hovered off to the left and shone a light right at me from the right hand side. This light came from one of the sides, not from one of the corners of the object as I drove 80 mph. I saw it for probably close to a minute or two total but it seems longer. It was 3 to 5 feet in length and definitely not wider than my Civic. However it had great agility and speed and it was silent.

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Modesto - R. David Anderson writes, "I took this picture on Friday evening, April 20, 2004, as I was sitting in the backyard with my new digital camera ready with telephoto-lens. A high-flying airplane, making no sound, attracted my attention, and I began to snap pictures.

When I downloaded the pictures, I found these strange objects, which appear to be skirting the plane. Tonight, after taking these pictures, a military plane was flying real low over my house, making circles several times overhead before moving off to the west. It was so close it shook our house and frightened us."

Thanks to R. David Anderson Puppysonny1.

Washington - Diamond UFOs

Carnation - Three diamond shaped objects in a triangular formation were observed flying northeast on April 11, 2004, at 08:00 p.m. The craft were silent, and maintained the exact formation across the sky. The observer is very familiar with all natural phenomenon such as satellites, space junk re-entry, meteors etc and has been viewing the skies for decades. The craft were very bright white and appeared about the size of Venus would to the naked eye.

Miller Bay - Annamarie Johnstone, Photographing chemtrails above, Kitsap County during the morning of March 14, 2004, I discovered this craft, that was not seen visually, when the film was developed. A colourless ionisation layer is apparent around the object.

Thanks to Annamarie Johnstone.

Canada - Black Flying Triangle

Churchbridge, Saskatchewan - My stepson and wife were driving down the grid road 9 km east of Yorkton when we saw what looked like an oddly shaped fighter jet coming at us fairly low to the road at 01:30 p.m., on April 20, 2004. We yielded basically in stunned fashion when the object seemed so slow, almost to a halt, 20 feet in front of our Suburban.

The object was a black triangle with no apparent windows and on the bottom was one large light in each of the three corners. It rotated so a different angle was facing forward and took off in a blur over top of our car. It was as if the object went straight up once it came into view, and vanished into the sky.

Mexico - Flying Triangle Over Ocean

Cancun - A couple was looking at the Gulf of Mexico from their balcony at the Hotel Riu Cancun at 02:00 a.m., on April 20, 2004 and saw a flying triangle hovering and illuminating the night sky. The distance was hard to determine but I could hear the sound of it breaking the wind. We stood there in amazement as the object darted into the clouds and then it faded away.

They ran to tell their friends across the hallway and they all ran out to their balcony to see if it could be seen again. After a couple of minutes we spotted it again, but not as close as the initial sighting, now it appeared as an illuminating circular object. It seemed more energetic then before because it was speeding left to right zigzagging in out of the clouds. It manoeuvred in the sky for a good hour.

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UK/Scotland - Two Spaceships

Edinburgh - At 01:05 a.m. on Wednesday 21st of April, I was standing outside my house having a cigarette looking to the north eastern sky from my home town Livingston, when I saw two dots of lights suddenly shoot downward from the cloudy sky. They were moving at an incredible speed and they were keeping almost the same distance running parallel to each other.

They turned sharply and came parallel to the horizon and went on for a couple of seconds, during which they both took another short dive and came back level again. From there, they seemed to shoot back up into the sky and vanished back above the clouds and there was no sound at all! I have never seen anything move that fast in my life. They were illuminating the clouds they were flying under.

UK/Wales - Three Spherical Objects

Cardiff - Three spherical objects silver in colour as reflected in the setting sun were seen on April 18, 2004, at 07:00 p.m. All three were flying in a triangular formation. The spherical object at the rear bottom end of the formation broke off and moved at high speed in front of the other two and disappeared. Two seconds later the other two objects disappeared.

Macedonia - UFO Video

Skopje - Macedonian National television has shown a video material of the object and stated that Macedonian air force has no flights at that time over the city on April 21, 2004, at 08:00 p.m. I'm not a witness of the event. Thus I can't give you any other info.

Iran - Flying Saucer Fever

Tehran - Numerous UFO sightings are being reported over Iran. Fanciful cartoons of alien spacecraft have adorned the front pages of newspapers while state television on Wednesday showed a sparkling white disc it said was filmed over Tehran on Tuesday night. Fox News showed pictures that appeared to be classic disc shapes moving over a city area. Iran is developing nuclear weapons and UFOs almost always take an interest in these developments.

Many UFOs, beaming out green, red, blue and purple rays, were seen over the northern cities of Tabriz and Ardebil and in the Caspian Sea. Newspapers and agencies reported people rushing out into the streets in eight towns on Tuesday night to watch a bright extraterrestrial light dipping in and out of the clouds. Astronomers explained that the public was just seeing the planet Venus; whose light is very bright in the western sky.

South Africa - Flying Triangle

Citrusdal - Two witnesses were walking home, the grandmother pointed to the sky, and said she saw a flying triangle that moved very slowly on April 12, 2004, at 09:30 p.m., about 170 km from Cape Town. At each of the three points of the triangle there was a yellow light and in the middle of the craft was a blue and red light that went on and off and circled each other.

My grandmother and I stood there for about 4 minutes watching the craft, and then I went home. I told my father about it and he went outside with me about 6 minutes after my grandmother and I first spotted it, but

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we could only make out a faint light. My grandmother had seen a similar craft several nights ago.

Thanks to: Brian Vike, Director:
<http://www.hbccufo.com/>

Afghanistan - Dot-Sized UFO

Kabul - On April 15, 2004, at 01:00 a.m., the witness woke up to go to the toilet, and saw a bright dot-sized silver-coloured flash in the sky moving very fast from about east to south. It did not produce any other lights that could

be seen. At first, the witness thought it was a comet, but after a bit I found out that it wasn't one. The UFO was bright, fast and about the size of a star and did not put a trail behind it.

New Zealand - Stick like Object

Auckland - The witness saw a white stick with wing-like projections, about one foot long, flying at high speed on April 17, 2004, at 01:00 p.m. It moved like a dart with four sets of wings. The witness took a video of a white stick like object moving very fast in a straight line with consistent speed.

Dying Gasp Of X-Rays Detected

The Toronto Sun, Thursday February 19, 2004

Los Angeles (AP) - Astronomers reported yesterday, the first strong evidence of a super-massive black hole stretching, tearing apart and partially gobbling up a star.

The event had long been predicted by theory but never confirmed.

"This is really fantastic stuff. This is one of the Holy Grails of astronomy," said astronomer Alex Filippenko of the University of California at Berkeley.

A powerful X-ray blast drew the attention of astronomers to the event, located near the centre of an otherwise inconspicuous galaxy called RX J1242-11. The galaxy is about 700 million light-years from Earth.

The international team of astronomers believes the blast was produced as debris from

the destroyed star was sucked into the black hole.

"The last cry of help before the matter falls into the black hole is radiated in X-rays, which we have detected," said Gunther Hasinger, of the Max Planck Institute for Extraterrestrial Physics in Germany.

The resulting flare was thousands of times brighter than all of the billions of other stars in the galaxy, astronomers said at a NASA news conference.

A black hole is a massive but unseen celestial object that has such an intense gravitational pull that nothing - not even light - can escape from it.

This particularly black hole is estimated to have a mass 100 million times that of the sun.

What Happened To That Hour?

By James Owen

VUFORS Regional Representative For North Eastern Victoria

Continuation of the investigation into the Missing Time of Mrs J and her niece.

The investigation continued with a further conversation with Mrs J. The photographs of the area were shown to her and she was unsure about the photographs being of the area that she had described. Our conversation revolved around the missing time.

I noticed a few minor discrepancies in her recollection of the event. The report varied little as she once again detailed her story. I have come to the conclusion that these discrepancies are of such a minor nature that she may have just overlooked these particular facts.

It was decided that a trip to the Strathbogie Ranges would be required to help in ascertaining the area in which Mrs J and her niece found themselves. We arranged for a Sunday morning trip and travelled to Violet Town.

Upon entering the township, Mrs J identified the sign to Violet Town as being the area where they negotiated a U-turn, back-tracking to the Hume Freeway and thus returning home.

We then travelled the roadway into the ranges and at a point it was noticeable that Mrs J was becoming excited about the terrain. She pointed out areas identifying the location where she and her niece had unexpectedly found themselves.

Photographs of the area as indicated by Mrs J were then taken. Both my wife Mary-Lou, and I got out of the vehicle to examine the

area. Mrs J did not get out of the vehicle and gave no reasons why she did not alight.

We continued to the township of Strathbogie where we obtained information about the area. We travelled back-roads in an attempt to find any area that may be familiar to Mrs J. I conversed with the locals at the store and no one was able to help with our inquiries.

We then returned to Violet Town and whilst doing this, Mrs J was able to recognise certain areas. We stopped and discussed the areas but no further information became available to assist her memory and recollection of that night.

After leaving the area, I again asked Mrs J to detail what had occurred on that evening. She was unable to add anything further to what had previously been reported.

At this point, I contacted VUFORS informing them that I had exhausted all my methods of obtaining any further information regarding this incident and that it was my belief that the only alternative was hypnosis. The witness had indicated that she is willing to undergo hypnotherapy in an attempt to help alleviate her fears, by becoming aware of what actually occurred.

It is my hope that hypnotherapy may assist in ascertaining what may have occurred during that missing hour.

SOME NOTABLE WITNESSES

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June 29, 1947 - a round, silvery UFO that flew north near the White Sands test centre, seen by missile expert Dr Carl J. Zohn and three others.

July 4, 1947 - Capt. E. E. Smith and co-pilot Ralph Stevens of United Airlines saw two groups of disc-like objects while flying between Emmett, Idaho and Ontario, Oregon.

July 10, 1947 - a rapidly ascending ellipsoidal UFO, seen near the horizon by astronomer Dr Lincoln LaPaz and his family, near Fort Sumner, New Mexico.

July 24, 1948 - Capt. C. S. Chiles and co-pilot John Whitted of Eastern Airlines saw a rocket-like object pass close to their DC-3 then pull up in a sharp climb over Montgomery, Alabama.

April 24, 1949 - a high-speed oval object, tracked with theodolite by aerologist Charles E. Moore and his staff, during a balloon tracking at Arrey, New Mexico.

August 20, 1949 - passage overhead of a fixed formation of rectangular lights, seen by astronomer Dr Clyde Tombaugh and his wife, at Las Cruces, New Mexico.

March 20, 1950 - the observation of a circular UFO with a ring of lighted "ports" underneath, by Chicago and Southern Airlines pilots Adams and Anderson, over Stuttgart, Arkansas.

May 29, 1950 - the sighting, near Washington, D.C., by American Airlines Captain Willis Sperry and co-pilot William Gates, of a cigar-shaped object that circled the airliner.

October 10-11, 1951 - sightings of several glowing objects performing "controlled manoeuvres" on two consecutive days, by cosmic-ray expert J. J. Kaliszewski and associates, in the air over Wisconsin and Minnesota.

July 14, 1952 - the Pan American sighting of eight manoeuvring discs, seen by pilots William Nash and William Fortenberry.

July 16, 1952 - the sighting by aeronautical engineer Paul R. Hill and a companion at Hampton, Virginia, of a manoeuvring flight of four objects.

June 11, 1954 - three round UFOs, seen by astronomer Dr H. P. Wilkens, over northern Georgia, during a flight from Charleston, West Virginia to Atlanta.

April 8, 1956 - the American Airlines sighting of a glowing orange UFO, over central New York, by Capt. Raymond Ryan.

August 1, 1966 - a sighting, by physicist Dr Vasil Uzunoglu, of a lighted low-flying UFO near Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland.

January 21, 1967 - a boomerang-shaped object, over Houston, Texas, observed by Dr Albert Kuntz, University of Houston psychologist.

September 23, 1967 - geology professor, Bryce M. Hand's sighting of an elongated, silvery UFO near Amherst, Massachusetts.

October 14, 1967 - a low-hovering, white-glowing object, seen by physicist Lewis Hollander and his wife at Mendota, California.

Mexican Air Force Chases UFOs

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Jaime Maussan, researcher and TV journalist reports, "The Mexican Department of Defense along with Maussan's research team in an unprecedented collaboration released the details of recent UFO sightings over the Yucatan Peninsula. A drug tracking aircraft on a routine surveillance antinarcotics operation detected numerous UFOs and videotaped and tracked them with radar and infrared devices.



Image of Six Infrared Visible UFOs

"A two engine Merlin C26A detected unknown traffic at 10,500 feet over Ciudad del Carmen, Campeche airspace and requested interceptor aircraft be launched to chase possible drug planes. The Merlin approached the unknown traffic and saw them on AN/PS 143 BRAVO VICTOR 3 RADAR, and a FLIR STAR ZAPPHIR II was recording the objects in infrared. As many as eleven UFOs were tracked manoeuvring at high speed.

"Mexican Air Force pilots filmed 11 unidentified objects in the skies over southern Cam-

peche state, a Defense Department spokesman confirmed. A videotape shows at least six lights, that were filmed by the aircrew on March 5, at 3,500 meters in the evening sky."

Lt. German Marin, the radar operator said, "He was a little afraid." Thanks to Dr. Bruce Cornet and ABCTV, who notified me about the incident.

Campeche, Mexico, Hannelore Lode, whose husband speaks Spanish, has been watching Mexican TV over the last several days. The TV is full of stories and interviews with pilots, police, government and officials reporting about a "really large UFO" and as many as six others of smaller size. "They stayed around." "The big one had a ring around it." The Mexican Department of Defense is acknowledging the existence of UFOs.

Editor: A number of news sources have supplied further information in relation to the UFO chase.

The pilot of an interceptor aircraft chasing the UFOs grew nervous when he surprisingly discovered that his aircraft had become the centre of attention. The UFOs, with their superior speed and manoeuvrability, rapidly changed direction and surrounded the aircraft. The UFO hunter had suddenly become the hunted.

While the UFOs did not appear to be visible to the naked eye, and a number were not RADAR visible, most were detected using infrared sensing equipment.

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Reids Lookout - Grampians, Vic.
26th May 2004, 06:30 p.m. - 09:30 p.m.

It was a fine, dry, cold evening with moderate to strong wind and light cloud above the fire lookout tower on top of Reids Lookout. The observer calmly assembled her telescope with associated CCD colour digital video camera, at the base of the fire tower, and commenced recording the activities of from six to eight, and possibly more, lights located northwest of the lookout.

Paul Norman and two visiting Americans, who Paul was personally guiding through the active UFO areas in the Grampians, were also present on Reids Lookout during this sighting. The four observers were looking down, a few degrees below the horizon, into the Wartook Valley, although on some occasions, the more dynamic of these lights had been observed at elevations ranging from near horizontal to directly overhead.

While to the naked eye, the lights usually appeared as point light sources when seen over a distance ranging from twelve to fifteen kilometres, the reporting observer estimated that the largest lights subtended an angle of about fifteen minutes, and at a distance of fifteen kilometres would have had a diameter of about sixty-five metres. This diameter would be reduced to fifty-two metres if seen from twelve kilometres away. The lights ranged in colour from white-gold, to white, and blue-white.

The reporting observer recorded the activities of the lights for about three hours, at which time the tape ran out and she went home. The activity continued unabated.

Brunswick, Vic.
09th May 2004, 07:30 p.m.

The observer reported initially seeing a round orange light, slightly to the west but almost overhead, that appeared larger than the moon in the clear evening sky.

It first appeared stationary for a minute. Then it commenced moving silently, and made sudden right angle turns, changed colour to blue and then to red. It vanished and then later reappeared. It did this a couple of times and was last seen in the eastern sky after five minutes.

The observer thought that she might have seen a second object as well.

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Norlane, Vic.

26th April 2004, 09:20 p.m.

On a fine, dry, moderate, windless evening, the observer happened to glance out of the lounge room window at the side of her house, and caught sight of a bright circular white light, about half of the relative diameter of the moon in size. The light glided silently across the starlit night sky, from the southeast, possibly crossing Corio Bay, and appeared to pass over her neighbour's garage roof at an elevation of about twenty degrees.

As the light continued to pass the back of her house, the observer excitedly ran to her back door to see where the light had gone, but was disappointed to discover that it was no longer visible. The observer estimates that she watched the light for about five seconds.

Abbotsford, NSW

24th April 2004, 07:45 p.m.

The reporting observer indicated that on a fairly cool evening, with a slight breeze, three adults and two children observed the following unusual occurrence. The sighting was estimated to have occurred within a two minute time window.

A cone shaped object, within an orange ball of flames, was noticed in the western sky, heading east. It appeared slightly larger than the moon and seemed as though it was descending toward the ground. This event was accompanied by a very loud roaring sound, similar to a jet aeroplane flying low, except this object was obviously fairly high up.

The fireball object then seemed to disappear, leaving a small red light, still accompanied by the roaring sound. This red light then changed course and moved at very high speed in a northward direction, until it disappeared from view.

Reids Lookout - Grampians, Vic.

16th March 2004, 09:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

On a cold evening, with moderate to strong wind, and heavy cloud cover over Reids Lookout, the observer calmly assembled her telescope with associated colour video camera, at the foot of the fire observation tower, and commenced recording the activities of lights located about three to five kilometres northwest of the lookout, in and around the Wartook Valley.

The observer reports that this sighting is one of an ongoing observation with video record of suspected anomalous aerial luminous objects in and over the Wartook Valley. On this particular night, two luminous objects, estimated to be about three to five kilometres distant, were seen in a north-westerly direction in the vicinity of the Wartook Valley. It was noted that one of these lights was seen as being relatively "large", while the other was seen as being relatively "small", and they were showing suspicious or defensive aerial movement.

Unfortunately, only the relatively stationary views of the activities of these lights were recorded by the video camera. One, the larger light did "blink-out", and this type of behaviour has been observed on a few pre-

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vious occasions. The observer suspects that this is not just a light-sourcing object moving behind some obscuring obstruction.

During the viewing and recording session, and once again not recorded on videotape, two other anomalous lights moved behind the observer and took up a stationary position. From this position, one of the light sources emitted high intensity pulses or flashes of light. Prior to this activity, the lights were observed slightly above the crests and peaks of the Victoria Valley.

Also, it has been observed on many other occasions that a single moving light takes up a position partially obscured by a tree, until the telescope and camera are retired from use. At this time, the light then extinguishes itself or "blinks-out". The telescope could not be used to record this behaviour due to interference by protective Cyclone wire fencing between the observer and the light.

The four to six lights observed during this sighting ranged in colour from white, golden white, red, orange, blue and yellow-green.

Rosedale, Vic.

13th March 2004, 07:30 p.m.

The observer reported seeing a round yellow/white light, with a diameter of about half that of the moon, move silently across the fine still night sky, from the east to the west, within approximately ten seconds. He also reported feeling confused by the appearance of this phenomenon, especially as it did not appear to be like any aircraft he had previously seen.

Berwick, Vic.

08th March 2004, 10:20 p.m.

The excited observer reports on the activities of three intensely glowing orange lights, each of which was smaller than a coin held at arm's length. These events occurred within a twenty minute time window, and the lights were observed at an elevation of about thirty degrees. The observer believes that the orange lights were located between Berwick and Dandenong Mountain.

Initially, on a moderate night with a mild breeze and light cloud cover, the observer's attention was caught by the strange bright orange glow of two of the lights. The observer reports that the two lights were moving from the east toward west. They then stopped for a moment and one proceeded northwest into the clouds while the other continued westward, eventually being obscured by clouds.

About ten minutes later, the third orange light was observed moving from the east to the west, following the path of the second light into the clouds.

Archies Creek, Vic.

03rd March 2004, 11:05 p.m.

On a warm, dry night with no wind and light cloud, the reporting observer and seven others, who were standing on an outside deck, were alerted to the presence of something unusual by two bright flashes of light that illuminated the surrounding yard. As they looked directly upward, their attention was drawn to three circular flame-orange lights, each appearing larger than the full moon, moving in a triangular formation.

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The reporting observer was startled and excited by these surprising events. While the initial feeling was that the three large lights might have been part of one huge object, the appearance of cloud between the lights, and the lack of an outlined shape, convinced the observers that there were in fact three individual objects flying silently in formation.

As the lights proceeded northward across the rural valley, toward the hilly horizon, they became partially obscured by a nearby deciduous tree. At this point in time, the observers moved to get a better view of the receding lights. Due to the large distance to the lights, the lights no longer appeared as three individual lights, but were appearing as a single light.

Shortly after this event, the light appeared to become stationary and then dropped two small orange lights toward the ground, one at a time, and the observers waited expectantly for an associated explosion, to no avail. After about five to seven minutes of observation, the light appeared to proceed northward into distant cloud and was no longer visible.

Melbourne CBD, Vic.

November 2003, 07:00 a.m.

During a fine morning sunrise, the observer was standing in her Collins Street office building, looking northward through a window, when a large chrome ball about the apparent size of the moon, but really quite close, caught her eye. It appeared golden as she saw it, but the sun was being reflected by the surface of the orb, and this might have contributed to its golden appearance.

The ball silently fluttered around for about one minute, then just hovered like it was waiting for her to see it. It then started travelling in the same relative area like a fly being pursued, changing direction erratically. It darted about quickly then slowly, and then commenced moving higher into the sky, while remaining completely visible. Finally, it sped very very rapidly across the sky, and was lost from sight when it moved behind other buildings.

Queenscliff, Vic.

January 1979, 04:00 p.m.

On a sunny afternoon with a clear sky, the observer (who indicates that he is a pilot) and his brother, were swimming off the beach at Queenscliff, when for some unknown reason, they both looked toward the west and saw an object rapidly but silently approaching them. The reporting observer describes the object as similar in size to Chuck Yeagers X1 aircraft, but with chine bays along each side, somewhat like those in the Lockheed Martin SR71 Blackbird's front fuselage.

The object was a chrome or silver colour and must have been highly polished as it was reflecting the afternoon sun. It appeared to be rocking from side to side in a manner similar to that of a pilot rocking the wings of an aircraft in flight. The object took approximately three seconds to travel past the two and disappeared from sight in the east, toward Arthur's Seat.

During the 2004 Easter school holidays, the reporting observer visited the Cape Otway Lighthouse, where he read the plaque erected to the memory of Frederick Valentich. This is what jogged his memory of his sighting.

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TUFOIC Newsletter - February 2004

Tasmanian Unidentified Flying Object Investigation Centre

P.O. Box 174, South Hobart, Tasmania 7004, Australia

2003. March 03. 04:50 p.m.

Swansea.

Two witnesses were fishing on a beach a few kilometres south of Swansea. It was a fine afternoon with a clear blue sky. One of the witnesses noticed something moving out over the water, which he took at first to be a pelican. Then the witnesses took a closer look and saw that their attention had been caught by an object the apparent size of a full moon.

The spherical object was bright silver with a dark shadow on its trailing side. The sphere was at an elevation of about 45 degrees as it silently moved steadily north over the water. No wings, tails, or other protuberances could be seen on the sphere. After a couple of minutes, one witness said the object just seemed to disappear in the northern sky. However, the second witness thought the object went down then up before stopping in the sky and disappearing.

2003. March 31. 09:15 p.m.

Tunbridge.

A lone motorist travelling north on the Midland Highway caught sight of some lights just after passing the little town of Tunbridge. Two bright white flashing lights were visible to the right (north-east) of the highway; the lights were side by side and at a fair elevation. As the witness slowed down for a close look the few cars ahead disappeared into the distance.

The witness opened the driver's window and watched as the lights in one continuous movement became one and streaked downward like a shooting star. The same or similar lights were now visible just above a paddock not far from the roadside. However, as the witness continued slowly up the road the lights were obscured by a rise in the ground. The witness hurried on home and contacted the Centre that evening. No aircraft movements or local explanations have been uncovered to explain the presence of the two lights.

2003. June 27. 05:45 a.m.

Powranna.

It was a fine clear morning as our witness set out for work from Campbell Town. It was still dark as he headed north on the Midland Highway to Evandale. Initially he noticed the glare of car headlights approaching over a rise in the road ahead. He checked his rear-vision mirror and the long straight behind was empty. However, before the car ahead came into view he checked his mirror again and was surprised to see a bright blue light only 100 - 150 m to his rear.

The witness was puzzled and able to glance back to see a round light about 1 m across and about 1 m above the road. The witness now dipped his lights and the oncoming vehicle went past, now when he looked in his mirrors again there was no light to be seen.

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The witness drove on for several kilometres when once more he caught sight of the blue light coming around a curve behind and moving up fast to the rear of his vehicle. The witness was puzzled that the light did not emit any glare to light up his car interior, as you would expect when followed by a vehicle. He now slowed down to 80 kph or less to allow the speeding light to go past but it just maintained position to his rear.

The witness was now approaching an intersection where he would be turning right. As he slowed down and turned the corner he had an opportunity to look back down the highway. He was rather surprised to see nothing to account for the blue light as the highway was deserted.

The witness's brother came along the same road some 10 minutes later but saw nothing to explain the light. The Centre heard third hand of other similar events on the highway but we were unable to follow up these reports.

2003. September 22. 11:00 p.m. Copping.

Our next witness was baffled by a strange area of light seen low down near the road just west of Copping on the Arthur Highway. There had been rain earlier but it was clear at the time of the sighting. No other motorist was on that section of road when something caught the witness's attention near the skyline to the north west of the highway. At first it was a bit hard to make out a shape but the witness slowed the car then stopped at the roadside and put the driver's window down.

She could see a glowing yellow to white box shape, about the same width as a full moon. The inside of the box was dark but the perimeter had this flowing line of light around it. The object remained silent and stationary above the hill. After watching for about 30 seconds since the car stopped the witness then saw the silent object depart.

The box just went up so fast that it was out of sight in a few seconds. It was like watching a line of light going up before it resolved into a star and then it was gone. Contact was made with local business and for air traffic movements, also astronomical explanations but the Centre drew a blank in each enquiry.

2003. November 28. 02:15 p.m. Bell Bay.

The witness in our final sighting for the year went to great lengths to uncover an explanation. He contacted Launceston and Devonport air traffic control, followed up with local helicopter movements, and even placed flyers in the area to ask for other witnesses to call him.

Our witness was working in a large open yard on a beautiful fine clear afternoon. A glitter to the west over the Tamar River caught his eye. Taking a closer look he was surprised to see a silver metallic cigar shaped object, he did not observe any protruding parts. He estimated the silent cigar was some 8 - 10 km distant as it commenced a southward movement. It travelled in this direction for about 10 seconds then angled up into the sky and shot off in an instant.

No other witness came forward to report the sighting.

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24/11/03 Margate, Monday 08:15 p.m.

A woman was lying on her couch looking out a window when she saw a massive object (about the size of half a house) gliding silently just above the power line. When asked what she would have needed at arms length to cover it, she said at least 20 objects the size of her own palm.

It was the shape of a bat with outstretched wings, and had one green and one white light on each wing. She said it moved so slowly she could have walked faster. By the time she and her mother ran outside to get a better look, it had disappeared. Neither she nor her mother heard any noise at any time.

10/12/03 Edens Landing, Wednesday 01:18 p.m.

A circular object was observed travelling low in the sky from north to south. It appeared to be silver with a slight matt finish, solid and metallic. It was at a 45 degree elevation and had a piece, shaped like a crescent, missing out of its side. The witness observed it for about ten seconds before it disappeared into a black rain cloud.

20/12/03 Isle of Capri, Gold Coast, Saturday 12:00 p.m.

Two witnesses observed seven stars moving erratically in the sky. They appeared to travel over Surfers Paradise before dipping low in

the sky. They were reddish-pink fading to orange, and moved in a cluster as big as an outstretched hand. The sky was clear at the time. The objects were observed for eleven minutes.

27/12/03 Ingham, Saturday 09:30 p.m.

Two people were sitting on a beach when they observed a light the size of a golf ball with a tail streaking behind it. It was a bright blue fluorescent colour and moved close to the ground and over the mud flats. It went out to sea then came back and hovered near them briefly for two seconds, before it went to ground, up again, and then shot off.

01/01/04 Morningside, Thursday 08:30 p.m.

A man was sitting on a balcony when he saw a bright orange-red light in the northeast sky. It was travelling east to west and approaching the city. As it did so, it got much smaller, and then disappeared. It was the size of a small plane and made no noise and seemed to be flickering like a flame, before it went out quickly.

05/01/04 Bray Park - Brisbane City, Monday 02:44 a.m.

A man was sitting inside his home reading when he observed a large soft vertical flame moving in the sky from east to west. It was moving much slower than an aircraft, and he watched it for about two to five minutes. It

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became brighter as it seemed to move towards Mt Coot-tha, and continued to be steady at about a twenty degree elevation. It was eventually lost to sight behind trees.

12/01/04 Caboolture Monday 09:00 p.m.

A 12 year old boy was looking northwest toward Beerwah when he saw a bright golden light fly across the sky, changing direction very sharply a few times before taking off at a very fast speed.

The object was about twice the size of a star and changed direction at acute angles about five or six times before taking off at a 45 degree angle at an extremely fast speed. At various times he had been observing the light as it flew behind trees.

His mother also reported that about five and a half years ago she had been driving along the highway near Kilcoy when her two sons, who were sitting in the back seat, began to scream that they were seeing a UFO. The older boy, who was about seven at the time, described it as "like a round dish that was holding lights in it." The youngest boy was very scared. He was three or four years old at the time. The woman's mother-in-law, who lives in the UK, has also seen a UFO, and managed to capture it on film.

16/01/04 Bundaberg, Friday Evening

A man saw two green lights, one on each of his glass patio doors. He got up to investigate their source and saw another two green lights in the bush outside his house. When he turned

his outside lights on, the green lights disappeared, and when he turned the house lights off, the green lights reappeared.

He described the lights as the same colour as green traffic lights and the size of a baseball. The lights shining on his glass sliding doors were flashing every second. His dogs were grumbling at the time but became quiet when he commanded them to do so.

He also reported a sighting previously when he had seen a green ball of light, the size of a car, glide silently over his shed, which stood about nine metres high. He estimated the object was about 15 metres high at the time, and moving at about three to four kilometres per hour. It travelled slowly down the driveway, and continued to follow the driveway down to the creek and trees.

04/02/04 Rosewood, Wednesday 06:55 p.m.

A woman was sitting on the couch, looking out a sliding door, when she saw a long flat flame like fire, about four to five km away. She couldn't hear anything as the TV was on. She eventually lost sight of what she was seeing.

11/02/04 Paddington, Wednesday 10:40 p.m.

A man was out on his balcony looking east when suddenly, a light appeared like a little shooting star, which had a bright blue aura around it. It moved like a shooting star, and disappeared over the city. It lit up the surroundings and inside his house. He saw it for three to four seconds and there was no sound.

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11/02/04 Carina Wednesday 11:00 p.m.

A woman saw an enormous ball, with a large tail, glowing white in the southeast sky. It seemed to explode and changed to green. It lit up the whole area.

13/02/04 Spring Hill, Friday Evening

We were outside on our deck when an acquaintance noticed a light and brought it to our attention. It was like a windmill of light and very clearly outlined, with about eight separate circles spinning in unison around a main light source that was not visible. The object changed the direction of its trajectory as well as its direction of rotation as it moved rapidly across the sky.

At a rough guess and using landmarks, we estimate it covered about 21 kilometres in eleven seconds. It then disappeared over the horizon, but returned two or three minutes later. It was a clear night with the stars and moon visible, and the object seemed to be quite high above normal cloud level. We managed to take some video footage with a digital camera, but the camera's memory behaves strangely at the point where the UFO appears.

17/02/04 Tasmania, Tuesday near Midnight

We were driving home, travelling east when out of the driver's side window I noticed a large orange light in the sky. We stopped the car and got out for a better look. The light, which was a single light, was quite large and orange, perhaps two and a half times larger

than the Northern star, and was travelling south to north. The light seemed to flicker randomly, a bit like a flame in a light wind, and also seemed to be making very small side-ways adjustments in its flight path.

There was no sound at all, and as it was around midnight, there was no traffic and not much background noise. As the object reached a halfway point in the northern sky, a man walked past, so we stopped him to point it out. He agreed with us that it didn't seem likely to be a plane, and watched with us until it disappeared over the horizon.

We first saw the light when it was about halfway up the sky in the south, over houses, and watched it until it disappeared behind the horizon to the north, over the river. Total time from when we first saw it to when it disappeared was about 90 seconds - it could have been slightly less - and the light was as bright when it disappeared as when we first saw it. It was a single orange light at all times, with no sound that we could hear.

18/02/04 Burpengary, Wednesday 10:30 to 11:30 p.m.

At around 10:30 to 11:30 p.m., we had just finished watching television and went outside to do some stargazing. We were standing outside looking at the stars with our naked eyes, but got the binoculars when something caught our attention. It was a star that was 'flashing' and we initially thought it was a plane coming on its usual flight path, but then it stopped moving and started changing colour - red, blue, green, white and maybe orange.

Red was the most prominent colour. It was the same size as an ordinary star, but when it flashed like a disco light, the object would be-

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come blurry. The object was not clearly outlined and at one point it seemed to be two objects, but we can't definitely confirm this. It was pulsating and seemed to be zigzagging at times within a very small area.

The object was lost to view due to it fading out, then becoming bright again, then fading away completely. It seemed to be heading in a west-northerly direction and when first seen, the object was in the west, directly under the skilnet constellation and Mars, which was high in the sky just above the house.

It was a clear and fine night and we could see stars and planets, and we saw one shooting star. The sighting occurred over farmland towards Mt. Mee / Oceanview Range. We've never seen anything like this and we've lived in the area for ten years. We've seen the shuttle, the old space station and satellites and we know what they look like.

19/02/04 Tin Can Bay, Thursday 12:02 a.m.

At 12:02 a.m., I went outside and looked to the east and saw a white star-like object that looked like it was rotating. There seemed to be two other colours and one was a bright red light rotating also. It was probably located one hand-span above the horizon. I'm looking out that direction every night but have never seen this before.

25/02/04 Rochedale South, Wednesday 05:00 p.m. or 06:00 p.m.

At approximately 05:00 or 06:00 p.m., I was having a look at developing storm clouds when I noticed an orange light. I didn't know whether it was a plane or something else but I

ran to get my video camera and filmed 24 seconds of it. It was very interesting to watch and when first spotted was south of Rochedale and heading east, moving slowly, when it went behind some clouds and disappeared. It did not reappear from the other side of the cloud. It was about the size of Mars, circular and orange and not clearly outlined.

28/02/04 Brisbane Airport, Saturday 08:10 p.m.

A man reported seeing an object shaped like an upturned banana, hovering over the Brisbane Airport. On each tip of the object was a glow of yellow light. The object itself was silvery in colour. It remained stationary over the airport for approximately two minutes, then took off vertically up into the sky, extremely fast (much faster than a jet) before disappearing into cloud.

This caller also reported a sighting at Tully on 27th May 1992 in the evening. He was standing with his brother on his brother's property, which bordered a cane field, when they looked down the road and saw what they initially thought was a vehicle, coming towards them. They soon discovered it wasn't on the road but in the air, about 300 to 500 feet above them.

It was a typical disk shape and had two oblong portholes on the front that had a yellow glow in them being emitted from inside the craft. The craft was about 30 feet in diameter and let off a white vapour, then disappeared in a shower of red and green sparks. They observed the craft for about five minutes. It made no noise. His wife also observed a "leviathan" with purple and blue lights on it, hovering over Mt Mackay, the same evening.

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Traditional ideas about galaxy formation have been challenged in a new paper co-authored by a Canadian researcher.

The scientists argue that Arcturus, the fourth brightest star in our sky, is originally from a small galaxy swallowed up about 10 billion years ago by the Milky Way.

The star is one of several in the galaxy that

follow paths noticeably different than others, such as the sun, which move in a roughly circular orbit around the centre of the galaxy, said Julio Navarro of the University of Victoria.

The new finding challenges the traditional theory of galaxy formation, which says that they develop in isolation following the collapse of a giant cloud of gas and dust.



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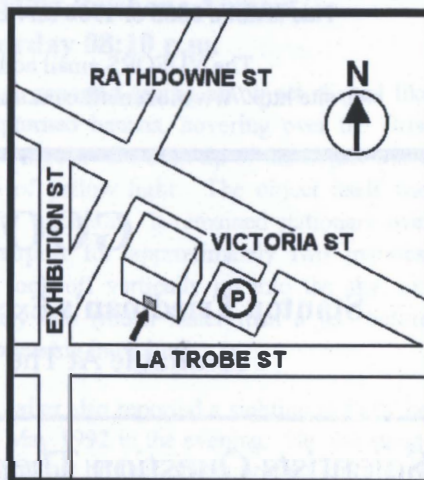
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SOCIETY HISTORY

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At this point, perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. About the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" was formed and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered - this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

It was during this time the Society published various papers and is probably best known for its publication "Australian Flying Saucer Review", curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the "The Australian U.F.O. Bulletin". At one stage, V.U.F.O.R.S. sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station, under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

In 1978, following the resignation of Mr. Peter Norris the current executive, Mrs. Judith Magee, Messrs. Paul Norman and Clive Yates, was placed in control, ensuring the continuing prosperity of V.U.F.O.R.S. The Society has held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in general meetings and discussion nights and maintained the largest U.F.O. library in the southern hemisphere. Unfortunately, the loss of books, probably due to the high cost of postage, has forced V.U.F.O.R.S. to discontinue this service to members.

V.U.F.O.R.S. still holds quarterly meetings commencing in March, at the Royal Society building in Melbourne, and membership of our Society is open to all who are genuinely interested in the UFO subject. (See opposite page for details).

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